



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

February 24, 2010

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Welcome back from February break. While some of you enjoyed the slopes or sand, many of us stayed put in Winchester and celebrated the arrival of MUD, which means spring cannot be far behind! Hopefully Lynn Vozzella and Andrea Cogan, the dynamic duo of our Lincoln health team had time to recover from putting on our inaugural health fair. It was a tremendous success. Please be sure to thank them for coordinating all of the vendors and volunteers. Our children bobbed through obstacle courses, played nutrition bingo, investigated how the spine works and listened to doctors reinforce the importance of helmets for biking and skiing. Kit Walpole, our terrific music substitute, has been working feverishly to get our children ready for the winter music concert on the evening of March 3<sup>rd</sup>. As in the past, this event is split into halves, with younger students performing first and older grades last. Please look for more information regarding the specific schedule. Thank you to Kit for updating the parents at our last LSPA meeting about the innovative lessons being used in our music curriculum this year. Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

### CALENDAR

**Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Winter Concert

**Wednesday-Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> -12th**

Early Release for teacher conferences

### HOOP-A-THON

Save the Date: March 18th! Grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to participate in a basketball and hula-hoop *A-Thon* after school. Set to coincide with the beginning of March Madness, 5th grade will sponsor this fundraiser as part of their "Growing Up and Reaching Out" goals. As many of you are aware, our fifth grade students have been participating in service projects throughout the school year. The Hoop-A-Thon is their only fundraiser, and we encourage our families to support their efforts with their time and pledges. Over the next several weeks, students will select

their charity and help to plan the event. Details will be sent home, published here in the Lincletter, and available on our website, [lincolnspsa.org](http://lincolnspsa.org).

### ATTENTION ALL 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS AND 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS

Once again, the fifth grade will be offering babysitting services during the parent/teacher conferences on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-3:00. This is a fundraising activity with proceeds going directly to help pay for the many exciting activities planned for the 5th graders. Sign-up sheets have been sent home with each 5th grader, and extra copies are available in their classrooms. Please return all forms to your child's classroom by **Friday, February 26th**. Our Fall babysitting was a great success due to the tremendous volunteer support we had from many of the 5th graders and their parents. Hope to see you all again! Anita Colasante and Sheryl Stein.

### WHILE WE ARE STILL IN 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Dear 5th grade parents: Tonight, February 24th at 7:00 at the Jenks center there is a program for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents about the transition to the McCall Middle School for the 2010 school year. The evening will consist of a panel of administrators, counselors and teachers that will be responding to audience questions and concerns with the changes our 5th graders are starting to experience and will continue to experience as they finish elementary school.

### MATH AND SCIENCE MANIA

Calling all scientists in the Lincoln School Community! A Math and Science Mania program will be held Wednesday May 5 from 6-7:30pm at Lincoln School. The planning committee is looking for parent volunteers to help create and present science and technology stations for the event. In past years, display topics included "See the sounds" (computer displays of sound frequencies), "Explore the world of engineering," "Optics, the science of light," "The MIT Chemistry Department," and "Polymers." We are hoping to have stations

representing the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. If you would like to help us create a display in the area of your expertise, please contact Caroline Shamu at [caroline\\_shamu@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:caroline_shamu@hms.harvard.edu)



### \$930 EARNED SO FAR!

Great job to all Lincoln students for clipping Box Tops! As of the end of February, we have earned \$930 towards our \$1,500 goal. **Congrats to Mr. Haugh's class for jumping into first place with a whopping 605 collected just since the last counting!** Lots of classrooms continue to close the gap! Don't stop now! The classroom with the most Box Tops collected as of May 30th receives a special reward at the end of the school year. Thank you for your continued support of the program.

### LEAD BOX TOP COLLECTORS AS OF FEBRUARY 2010:

1st Place	M. Haugh, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	1191
2nd Place	M. Barford, 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	936
3rd Place	M. Hollis-Pfeifer, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	837
4th Place	M. Bowman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	814
5th Place	C. Flaherty, 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	799
6th Place	J. Linehan, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	597

### WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUNDRAISING DAY - SHOP AT WILSON FARM!

Once again, Wilson Farms has generously offered a Winchester Public Schools Fundraising Day! All Winchester families, school faculty, administrators, staff are welcome to shop at Wilson Farms on Wednesday March 3rd from 9am-7pm and 20% of their total purchase will go directly to Winchester Public Schools! **The official flyer must be used in order to benefit Winchester.** The coupon can be found at [www.winchester.k12.ma.us](http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us) by clicking "District Fundraiser".

It is encouraging when all the schools and members of the Winchester community work together toward a common purchase - helping all our children. Please join us at

Wilson Farms on March 3rd! Any questions, please contact Maria O'Connor at [mariatoconnor@gmail.com](mailto:mariatoconnor@gmail.com).

Co-Sponsored by Wilson Farms and the Winchester Parents Inter School Council (PTOs).

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **MARCH MADNESS KICK-OFF**

Join in the fun before Winchester's March Madness begins – Pep Rally, Poster Making, Snacks, and a Movie Night featuring the sports classic "Hoosiers"...Sunday, February 28 from 4:30 to 7:30 pm here at Lincoln School! For more information or to volunteer at this event, please contact Kim Larkin or Mikie Ulwick at [kimlarkin@comcast.net](mailto:kimlarkin@comcast.net) or [johnmikie@verizon.net](mailto:johnmikie@verizon.net)

#### **ALMOST SPRING WITH THE COOL SCIENCE CLUB:**

Registration is now open for the almost-spring session of the wildly popular Cool Science Club -- an after-school program that provides fun, hands-on, experiment-driven projects in science, technology and math. This four-week session is scheduled to include MANY fun and NEW science topics. Club Scientists lead explorations of individual topics for groups of 12 students and are assisted by Young Scientists (from grades 8-12). For Grades K+1+2: Outdoor Explorer, Discovery Science, Kitchen Chemistry, Explore Stars and Planets in STARLAB. For Grades 3+4+5+6: Build a Boat, Digging Mummy Science, LEGO Robotics. The Club will be held on Wednesdays (3/17/10, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7) from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at McCall Middle School. Slots for the Club will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis and go quickly! Get your registration form TODAY from [paulagiancola@comcast.net](mailto:paulagiancola@comcast.net). The fee per Club participant is \$75. Scholarships are available. Lanie Higgins (781-729-7157, [Lhiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:Lhiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us)), Science Coordinator at the McCall Middle School, is the Cool Science Club Director.

#### **WHS CHAMBER SINGERS PRESENT MADRIGAL FEST**

Saturday, February 27, 7:30 p.m. at Winchester Town Hall Auditorium, 71 Mount Vernon Street, featuring the Winchester High School Chamber Singers. Performances by high school chamber groups from Arlington, Belmont, Lexington high schools and the Winchester Octets. Family friendly event. Tickets: \$15 adults; \$10 seniors and students; \$5 children under 12. Tickets at the door or in advance at Bookends, 559 Main St. Proceeds benefit Winchester High School chamber music

programs. For info: 781-413-5558. MBTA accessible.

#### **WINCHESTER COOP THEATRE PRESENTS WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

March 19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> at McCall Middle School: Come share in the adventure of Charlie Bucket and four other lucky Golden Ticket holders as they tour the famed Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory. Winchester Coop Theatre's group of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders bring to life the magical world inside this delicious factory with song and dance. Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m., Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00 p.m., Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm and 4:00pm. Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each). Recommended for ages 3 and up.

#### **Special Performance Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:00 pm. Proceeds to benefit the GINN Playground Restoration Project.**

Tickets for this special performance are \$15 and will be sold only at the door.

#### **MULTICULTURAL NETWORK**

Claiming ALL Our History – Mystic Valley Slave Trade Revealed: Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Griffin Museum of Photography. Portions of the documentary, *Traces of the Trade—A Story From the Deep North*, will be shown, followed by a panel discussion. *Traces of the Trade* tells the story of how descendants of the largest slave trading family in United States history examine their role in the slave trade as they travel along the route known as the Middle Passage. This event is free and open to everyone.

#### **COOL WINCHESTER FUNDRAISER**

Looking for a entertaining and eye opening way to spend an evening...Come see the film "Food Inc." where filmmaker Robert Kenner lifts the veil on our nation's food industry. Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Winchester Unitarian Society, 478 Main St, 7:00 PM. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with Charlotte Vallaeys, Farm and Food Policy Analyst at the Cornucopia Institute. This is a Fundraiser for the Cool Winchester project. Suggested donation: \$5

#### **POP WARNER FOOTBALL RETURNS TO WINCHESTER**

Following the lead of the amazingly successful Sachem Youth Football program for Winchester middle school-age residents, we are pleased to announce that Winchester Pop Warner is bringing elementary school-age football back to town for the first time in a full generation. An information

session will be held at the gym at the Winchester Recreation Center on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at which members of the Winchester Pop Warner Board will make a brief presentation and be available to answer any questions about the program. Interested parents are encouraged to attend. Participants are also welcome to join their parents at this session if they so desire.

Also, on March 13, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Winchester Pop Warner will be co-hosting a registration (along with the Sachem Youth Football) at the McCall Middle School Cafeteria. Parents should bring their children to this event to register them. Fees and general information will be available at

[www.winchesterpopwarner.com](http://www.winchesterpopwarner.com).

The Executive Board of Winchester Pop Warner Mike Bongiorno, Brandon Bergstrom, Chuck Ward, and George Nowell

#### **PARENT TECHTUTORIAL**

Please join the Educational Technology Department staff for this informative techtutorial "iPod Exploration", March 15, 2010 at Winchester High School Animation Lab (1st Floor), 6-7 pm. You will be enlightened as to the endless uses of iPods – more than just music players, iPods have functionalities that can be used in many different ways for teaching and learning - creating and listening to podcasts, video capability, Taking notes for class, studying for quizzes, and much more.

#### **SYBS 2010 SPRING REGISTRATION**

Registration is now open for baseball (ages 6 – 15, as of April 30, 2010) and softball (K – 8th grade) for the 2010 spring season. Registrations must be completed by March 15, 2010, in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. SYBS has made a number of changes to the softball program that will enhance the experience for players and families. Spring Age Groups: Clinic (K-2: commissioners Susan Wiseman and Danielle Ladd)—held on Saturday afternoons from 2-3:30PM at Westside (Start date TBA), Junior (Grades 3-5: commissioner Mikie Ulwick)—teams assigned by elementary school (Times, Days, Location TBA). Visit the SYBS website (<http://www.sybs.org>) and click on "Registration." Players who register after March 15, 2010, will be assigned to a team on a space-available basis.

#### **WINCHESTER FRIENDS OF ART**

Winchester Friends of Art (WFOA) is turning the world "Art Side Out" with fun events scheduled for February and March.

For more than 20 years, WFOA has advocated for art education in Winchester schools as a critical means for encouraging students to think outside the box. **Winchester Art Teacher Show and Reception, Sunday, February 28, 2 – 5 pm** at NextDoor Theater (Cross St) Winchester students and parents alike can view (and purchase, if you like!) works of art created by their favorite art teachers from school. This event, part of the theater's March to the Arts program, is FREE and open to all and will include refreshments. No tickets are required. **WFOA Annual Party for the Arts and Family Reception, Saturday, March 27** at Sons of Italy (Swanton St). Save the Date! In the afternoon, take the family to view "Art Side Out" themed art created by Winchester students and by professional artists at a FREE family reception, from 2 - 4 pm. In the evening from 8 – 11 pm, join fellow Winchester residents for WFOA's annual and always fun fundraising party – an auction of art works by professional artists and high school seniors and of goods donated by local businesses, with live music by the Liz Lannon Band, dessert bar, and cash bar. Tickets are \$35 each in advance

#### **PARENT TO PARENT**

"What Your Kids Need to Hear from YOU About Sex: Parenting in an Over sexualized, Online, In-Your-Face World" Sharon Maxwell, PhD is a clinical psychologist with a private practice, author, speaker, consultant, and mom. Back by popular demand, Dr. Maxwell will speak to parents on **Wednesday, March 10th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm** at the Winchester High School. Her book will be on sale from BookEnds at the program. This program will present parents with practical and positive ways of beginning and sustaining a dialogue about sexuality that includes values, guidelines for behavior, and peer pressure. Parent to Parent would like to thank ENKA for its generous support in helping fund this program. For more information please visit [www.parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://www.parenttoparentwinchester.org)

#### **TASTE OF WINCHESTER**

The 4th annual "Taste of Winchester", to benefit the Griffin Museum of Photography, will be held on Friday, March 26th, 2010, from 7 to 10 pm at the Griffin Museum of Photography. This popular community event is a chance to sample delicious food and wine from favorite local restaurants and shops, enjoy live music and win fabulous door prizes. Tickets are \$60 and will be available at the end of February at Bookends and through the Griffin

Museum at [www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org) (781)729-1158. The event sold out last year, so be sure to get your tickets early!

#### **GINNPLAYGROUND RESTORATION**

March 27, 2010 - Help us BeGINN Again! Let the Winchester Neighbors Club take you **From Aspen to Antigua**, all to benefit the Ginn Playground Restoration Project. Food by Green Olive, steel drum music by PanNeubean Steel, an open beer and wine bar, and the opportunity to purchase a variety of once in a lifetime experiences in silent and live auctions await you. Some of the amazing auction items include the opportunity to spend 2011's April vacation week at a fabulous 4-bedroom villa in the five star resort Peninsula Papagayo in Costa Rica, a private outing aboard a luxury Hinckley Picnic boat, and ice time with pro hockey player Paul Mara. For more information, please go to [www.beGINNagain.com](http://www.beGINNagain.com), and to purchase tickets beginning March 1, please go to [www.winchesterneighbors.com](http://www.winchesterneighbors.com).

#### **FANSPLASH UPDATES & WINTER FIESTA!**

Come out of the cold and turn up the heat for a night that will support local arts and help to make a splash! The Winchester Cultural Council and FAN's Borggaard Beach Revitalization Committee are pleased to present a Cultural Fiesta to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium to help raise funds for the arts in Winchester and the revitalization of Borrggaard Beach. Live salsa music performed by the 8-piece Tequila Amigos Latin Orchestra will be sure to liven up the room! Light refreshments and a cash bar will also be available. Mr. Allan Eyden will take to the stage as our honored guest and auctioneer, and a 50/50 raffle will be taking place throughout the night. You can show your support prior to the event by becoming an event sponsor, program advertiser, or by reserving a private table. You can even select a donor package option! Please contact Elizabeth Angelino at [info@fansplash.org](mailto:info@fansplash.org) for more information. Tickets will be available for purchase soon, via PayPal at [www.fansplash.org](http://www.fansplash.org), or at Bookends. Please feel free to email [WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the Fiesta Committee.

#### **SPED PAC MEETING**

Parents LBLD Group has planned the next two meetings. Our March meeting will be on **Thursday, March 4th at the McCall Library from 7 - 9:30**. Our April meeting

will be on **Thursday, April 1st at the Lynch School Library at 7:00 pm**. At this meeting Donna Marcotte-Rizza will be joining us. Donna is a part time assistive technology specialist for the Winchester School District. She will be discussing and demonstrating various types of Assistive Technology we have available in our schools as well as other types of software, tools, etc. that can help our children learn. We hope to see you at both meetings. Amy Kraft [akpk1282@verizon.net](mailto:akpk1282@verizon.net) and Kim Lazarus [kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net](mailto:kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net)

#### **WHS SOFTBALL CLINIC – MASTERING SOFTBALL BASICS**

The Winchester High School Softball program is offering a three session clinic to get youth players from grades 3-8 ready for their upcoming seasons. Whether you are new to softball, a returning spring league player, or an experienced travel team softballer, Mastering Softball Basics is the clinic for you! For three consecutive Saturdays, WHS Varsity Coach Steve Swymer and his staff of experienced coaches and players will work with clinic participants on all aspects of the game. Players will receive instruction and reinforce their softball skills through a number of softball drills and workout stations. Players will be grouped by age and skill level. The clinic will take place at the Winchester High School Gym/Field House on March 27, April 3, and April 10 from 3:45 to 6 pm. Total cost for the three session clinic is \$75. Visit [www.eteamz.com/FriendsofWHSsoftball](http://www.eteamz.com/FriendsofWHSsoftball) to download registration forms or to register/pay online. Call 781-729-1740 for more information about this great clinic opportunity.

#### **LINCLETTER SCHEDULE**

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